

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MARCH 3, 1846.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. PENNYBACKER made the following

**REPORT :**

[To accompany joint resolution No. 17.]

*The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Gorman, beg leave to report :*

That an appropriation was made at the last session of Congress, a portion of which was to be applied to repairing the road from the capitol to the navy yard and to the Congress burial ground. That the petitioner entered into contracts with the Commissioner of Public Buildings to perform the work at certain prices specified in the contracts. That in the progress of the execution of the work, it was found to be indispensable, in order to make a good and permanent road, to do certain additional work, principally grading over a part of the road which had never been graduated or formed, not contemplated in the original estimates. The evidence of the mayor of the city, and other officers of the corporation, the members of the vestry having charge of the Congressional burying ground, and several respectable citizens of that part of the city, shows satisfactorily the propriety of the additional work, and that it was necessary to be done, as well as that the whole work has been faithfully executed by the petitioner. That the additional work caused the expenses to exceed the amount formerly appropriated for this improvement, and the prayer of the petitioner is, that he may be paid the balance due him. It having been shown that this work was done in carrying out the intentions of Congress, and that it was absolutely necessary for the completion and permanency of the improvement of the roads mentioned, we have come to the conclusion that the petitioner is entitled to the relief prayed for, and accordingly report a joint resolution for that purpose.

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